

## ABILENE REFLECTOR

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### CURRENT COMMENT.

STEVE BRODIE, the jumping crank, recently broke three of his ribs leaping from the Poughkeepsie, N. Y., bridge.

An irate has been issued at Constantinople exempting from import duty for ten years machine apparatus for public utility.

EX-QUEEN NATALIE's appeals to the Patriarchs of Constantinople and Athens have been unsuccessful. Both declined to interfere.

CHRISTIANIZED Chinamen are becoming numerous enough in New York to make a new quarter for themselves near University Place.

MR. HENRY VILLARD says he attributes his success as a railroad man to his knowledge of human nature gained by newspaper work.

The American friends of the King of Wurtemberg, Jackson, Hendry and Woodcock, have been delicately requested not to return to the companionship of their royal patron.

The Rawson divorce suit at Chicago went by default. Under the arrangement Rawson would give his wife \$40,000 and she would get a divorce on the ground of desertion.

To a deputation from Wallis which waited on him at Birmingham recently, Mr. Gladstone said he considered it his duty to remain in public life until the Irish question was definitely settled.

SENATOR HEARST, of California, is said to have at least one mine in every mining State and Territory in the country. He began his mining ventures as a day laborer in the mountains.

It was believed by well informed politicians in Washington that General Harrison's private secretary would be D. L. Alexander, at present a resident of Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Alexander is about forty-two years of age.

The London Morning Post quotes at considerable length from the last annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture noticing the reports of the statistical and other division chiefs and characterizing the whole as an admirable volume.

At San Francisco United States Circuit Judge Sawyer has rendered a decision in the test case of two Chinese in which he holds that inasmuch as they are citizens they are not amenable to the act of Congress excluding Chinese laborers.

The Birmingham Post announces that Mr. Chamberlain is en route to America, and that he will marry Miss Endicott a few days after his arrival. He will spend a few weeks in visiting friends in America, and will return to England about Christmas.

MR. JACKSON, the husband of the well-known and well-loved authoress, Helen Hunt Jackson, has recently married again and is now living at Colorado Springs. He has married a niece of his first wife and there is now another Helen Hunt Jackson.

The North German Gazette says that owing to the increased traffic on the railways the Prussian Government has ordered the construction of 7,200 new wagons. It will also ask the Landtag to vote 45,000,000 marks for the purpose of increasing the rolling stock of the railways.

REY, FRANK M. BRISTOL, of Chicago, has a "Cato Major," printed by Ben Franklin in 1746, that is said to be as fine a specimen of typography as one could find anywhere. It was printed when Franklin trundled his forms from his composition room to the building where his presses were set up.

The failure of several crops of red clover in New Zealand was explained by the absence of the fruiting insects which are requisite as necessary to the perfection of certain plants. A hundred wild bees were imported from England and set free, and in that district the clover has begun to flourish.

L. SMITH, of Valdosta, Ga., has a pair of brass spoon molds that were made four years before the revolution. They were first owned by Mr. Smith's great grandfather and they have successively descended down the family line to the present owner. The rule in the family has been for the youngest boy to get them.

The people of Hillsborough, N. H., who passed along Henniker street used to wonder what caused the concrete pavement to swell up in a certain spot, where an elevation like a cone had formed. Finally they opened the cone and found that a modest toadstool had pushed up the thick and heavy concrete while growing.

At the instance of T. D. Riordan, attorney for the Chinese Merchants' Association, the Secretary of the Treasury has instructed the Collector at San Francisco that Chinese merchants are not affected by the Exclusion act, and that those now resident in the United States who visit foreign countries may be admitted upon any evidence of identity satisfactory to the Collector.

THOMAS H. WHITE was recently arrested by the deputy United States marshal for perjury in his official capacity while deputy United States mineral surveyor and held in \$500 bond at Deadwood, Dak. White is a Cornishman, and the London Times of September 9 distinguishes him for breaking a \$10,000,000 deal of the Harney Peak Tin Mining and Manufacturing Company by his correspondence in the Financial News of London.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Cleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

At the White House on the 6th the President and a small party assembled in the library and received the election news of a special variety. Besides the President and Mrs. Cleveland, the White House party included Secretary of War, Whitney, Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Endicott, Attorney-General Garland, Representative Breckinridge, of Kentucky, and Foran, of Ohio, and Mrs. Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Colonel Wilson.

The results of the Prussian election in 243 districts are as follows: Conservatives, 85 seats; Free Conservatives, 41; Centrists, 47; National Liberal, 48; Freisinnige, 15; Poles, 7; Danes, 2; Guelphs, 2. All the Berlin members have been re-elected. The British Parliament met on the 5th.

The London Times, commenting on the Saville matter, says: "The blue book confirms our previous opinion. It emphasizes Lord Saville's indiscretion." Respecting the correspondence between the Foreign Office and the State Department, it says that if the Government of the United States desired to be courteous it might have telegraphed to Mr. Phelps, the American Minister, the details necessary to an understanding of the case.

Glenn, in receiving a presentation on behalf of Birmingham workmen recently offered to support a practicable scheme to remove the pecuniary difficulty in becoming a member of Parliament consistent with absolute independence and equanimity between representatives working in the House of Commons and other members.

The Russian Government has notified the Porte that should the divorce of King Milan of Serbia cause troubles which would lead to the occupation of Serbia by Austria, Russia would consider herself released from her obligation.

The President has recognized Carlo Zerra as Vice-Consul of Italy at Baltimore, Md.

The New York Evening Post places the next Congress as follows: Senate—Democrats, 37; Republicans, 33. House of Representatives—Democrats, 165; Republicans, 160.

It is reported in Berlin that the Czar will visit Germany in the spring. The betrothal of the Prince of Naples to Princess Clementine, of Belgium, will be announced shortly.

A GREAT demonstration was held by the Republicans at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 8th, to celebrate the victory of General Harrison.

The Secretary of War has issued the official order placing General Alfred Pleasanton on the retired list of the army, his retirement to date from October 23d.

A CABINET meeting was held at Washington on the 8th at which members being present except Vilas and Dickinson.

EDWARD C. CARRIGAN, member of the Massachusetts State Board of Education and a leading lawyer of Boston, died on a train near Salda, Cal., the other day.

MANUEL VON MATTHIAS has returned to Stuttgart from Nice. His interview with the King of Wurtemberg resulted in the King acceding to the demand of the Ministers that all Americans except Jackson resign from the service of Wurtemberg.

SEVENTY thousand followers of El Mahdi attacked the town of Wadai, west of Darfour, recently. The garrison repulsed the assailants and killed 3,000, but the Mahdists reattacked and captured the town. The Sultan of Wadai fled to Ghazal.

THE Anti-Saloon Republican National Committee has been called to meet November 21 in New York City to consider the future policy.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

A RESERVOIR at Montreux on the lake of Geneva, used to work an electric railway, burst the other day, destroying numerous houses and drowning many people. Several lives were recovered.

THE Secretary of the Treasury on the 8th accepted \$85,000 4½ per cent. bonds at 108½.

In Portsmouth, Va., on the 7th four hundred negroes marched through the streets, shouting "Hannover Cleveland on a sour apple tree." They encountered a party of whites and a free fight occurred, between forty and fifty pistol shots being fired and three white men wounded, two of them seriously.

A FERRY steamer was sunk in a collision at Calcutta on the 7th and sixty persons were drowned.

H. C. HYMAN, of Ashland, Ky., fell from a horse on a street of Gainesville, Tex., recently, striking his head on a stone, and died in less than an hour.

In the London stock market on the 7th American securities opened very firm on the news of General Harrison's election.

A BOMB in the Lancaster (Pa.) Chemical Works recently exploded, with terrible force, recently, completely demolishing the building and killing one man and injuring five. John Riddle, fireman, was killed outright.

A. S. GURNEY & Co., clothiers of Fort Worth, Ind., had made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Liabilities about \$50,000.

A DYNAMITE bomb was exploded in the registry office of the Rue Boucher, Paris, on the 8th, and the bomb exploded in the registry office of the Rue Francine. Much damage was done at both places, but no one was hurt.

At the sitting of the Parnell Commission in London on the 7th police witnesses gave testimony regarding outrages in Ireland which they believed were due to the instigation of the league.

ARCHIBALD PELTON, a disolute character, was lynched recently at Grayling, Mich., for assaulting an aged widow.

On the 8th the Missouri State Department of the Missouri for the assignment and distribution among the companies of the Seventh cavalry.

FIRE in Chicago the other night destroyed Moran & Henly's packing house and 500 barrels of lard. Loss, \$40,000.

JACOB WELLAUER's wholesale grocery, Milwaukee, Wis., was damaged and his stock ruined by fire recently. Loss, \$100,000.

The down stage was held up on the 8th at Downville, Cal., by masked highway-men and the express box, containing bullion and coin amounting to about \$25,000, taken.

SEVEN Anarchists have been arrested in connection with the explosion of dynamite bombs in the registry offices in the Rue Boucher and Rue Francine.

MORIARTY, a Boston man, arrested at Queenstown, Ireland, recently with a revolver and cartridges in his possession was fined \$25 by the Irish magistrate.

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## KANSAS STATE NEWS.

ABOUT five o'clock the other afternoon George Henderson, nine years old, was run over and killed by an "L. R." road train at Wyandotte. She had been to her father's coal office and upon returning home attempted to cross the track in front of the train when she was struck and instantly killed.

MISS JOSIE PORTER, of Kansas City, while going home from the theater with a friend at Topeka the other night, was insulted by a gambler, who asked to accompany her to her room, and when she refused to go, he was struck and killed.

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## TERrible CALAMITY.

Frighful Coal Mine Explosion at Pittsburgh, Kan.

Nearly Two Hundred Men Entombed With But Little Hope of Rescue—Frantic Women and Children Vainly Seeking for Lost Ones.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Nov. 10.—At 5:15 o'clock last evening an explosion awful in the horror of its results, occurred at the Cherokee and Pittsburgh Company's coal shaft No. 2 at Frontenac, three miles north of this city, and the report was distinctly heard here. The working level of the shaft is sixty-five feet below the surface and at the time of the explosion 148 men were down in it. The explosion was of such a nature that it was not until a few minutes later one man escaped by the air shaft and since then twenty-four have reached the surface by the same means.

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## THE PITTSBURGH CALAMITY.

Marvellous Rescue of a Miner After a Long Imprisonment—Dead and Wounded.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Nov. 12.—The searching parties at the Frontenac mine worked without cessation all Saturday and yesterday, but only three additional bodies have been taken out.

At five o'clock yesterday morning the relief shift working at the foot of the main shaft were astonished to see an apparition approaching the shaft. It was not one of their party, and they did not believe that there was a living man in the mine beside themselves. Their surprise can, therefore, be imagined when the mysterious visitor staggered up to them, dimly outlined by the uncertain light of their lamps and greeted them with, "Here, fellows, let me have a light." It was Henry Burns, who had for thirty-six hours been counted among the lost.

The poor fellow was slightly taken to the surface and thereupon the discovery of one of the most remarkable escapes from death on record. He was slightly delirious but there was considerable coherency in his account. He related his story as follows: "I was working in the first room, east north entry, east side, when I saw a roar and a shock, and I knew no more. All was blank until I awoke in darkness. At first I thought I had been asleep and in fact so bewildered that I did not know whether I was in this world or the next. Managing to make a light with my only remaining match I found that my watch had stopped at five o'clock, but I did not know the